

STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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TRANSPORTATION BOARD ELECTS FY '10 OFFICERS

ATLANTA – The State Transportation Board today unanimously re-elected Bill Kuhlke, Jr., of Augusta, as its chairman for the coming year and similarly chose Board Member Rudy Bowen, of Suwanee, to serve as vice chairman. Kuhlke represents the 10th Congressional District; Bowen the 7th.

“It’s certainly a privilege to serve another term as chairman of this Board for this distinguished agency. As my colleagues and I concentrate our efforts towards a singular focus; providing the best, fiscally sound transportation system in the United States, I’m optimistic,” Kuhlke commented. “We have many challenges, but overall, I believe the future is bright for transportation in Georgia.”

Kuhlke’s and Bowen’s one-year leadership terms will begin July 1. Kuhlke also is beginning his second five-year term as a member of the Board, which is the governing body of the Georgia Department of Transportation; Bowen is midway through his first Board term.

“I’m honored and grateful to have been selected to assist Bill as his vice chairman,” Bowen said. “We have a great deal of work to do, but like him, I’m optimistic and look forward to the next chapter in Georgia’s transportation history.”

Kuhlke is the founder of an Augusta-based construction company and served on the Richmond County Commission from 1996 to 2003. Other notable organizations on whose boards Kuhlke has served include: the Richmond County Coliseum Authority, the Georgia Department of Industry/Trade and Tourism (now known as the Department of Economic Development) where he served as board chairman, and the World Congress Center Authority.

Bowen, the founder of a Gwinnett County-based nationally recognized home building firm, previously has served on the Lake Lanier Recreational Authority, the Gwinnett Airport Authority, the Gwinnett County Board of Appeals and on the boards of several banks. He is a member of the Board of Deacons at Johns Creek Baptist Church.

The State Transportation Board determines policy and exercises general governance of Georgia’s Department of Transportation. The Board’s 13 members, representing each of the state’s congressional districts, serve staggered, five-year terms. Board members are elected by those state senators and representatives whose legislative districts fall within all or part of the relevant congressional district.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia’s economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site (www.dot.ga.gov).

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